

Jus' Ramblin'

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MIGHT AS WELL face it, men - you've been had. And long about midnight Christmas Eve, unless you smarten up fast, you're going to be had again. Look sharp, or once again you will stumble into bed at 5 a.m. Christmas morning, a haggard, red-eyed victim of that annual horror, the unasssembled toy. And just about the time you get all straightened out in bed the young fry in the house start getting up and that's it, brother.

In older times parents had two ways of getting toys to give their children for Christmas. They could buy something at the store or make something at home. But American business - that good wide-awake, mass-producing American enterprise has come up with a third choice - toys you buy at the store and make at home. Christmas Eve! The scene is really too familiar to need description. Here it is Christmas Eve, and the decorated tree twinkles and glitters with the joy of the season. The kids have finally been coaxed to sleep. Mom and Dad have filled the stockings, wrapped the last-minute gifts, hoisted the packages high beneath the tree. With

for toy assembling - pliers, hammer, socket wrenches, offset screwdriver, rattail file, etc. Check the Band-Aid supply.

At present that is about all that can be done to ease the agony. Someday Congress will wake up and pass a law. It will authorize the victim of any assembled toy, when its work is complete to submit to the so-called manufacturer a bill for time and materials. Wages will be prevailing union rates, computed of course, at time and a half. The charges for a single Christmas Eve will bring the industry to heel. Until then you can only proceed, forewarned and forearmed to fight the good fight.

Merry Christmas! The above is from Changing Times Calendar & Engagement Book with some changes inserted by me.

SOCIAL SECURITY taxes are to be substantially increased January 1, 1966. David Lawrence wrote in a recent column that the people know little about what burdens future years will result from the commitments made by the present compromise policy. What will happen in the future is a subject of much speculation now. Lawrence reminded us that expenditures to fulfill these commitments will grow year by year in the various years in which the federal government has not entered before. It will inevitably mean a larger and bigger tax burden on the American people.

You may or may not favor Medicare, the war of poverty, federal aid to education or any of the government's other ventures into uncharted areas of authority. But you and every one else will have to pay for them in increased taxes of one kind or another if the government continues to operate on a deficit basis. In a steady decline in the value of the dollar.

JUST HOW BIG is the war in Viet Nam? Is a question you hear often now, and how much bigger will it become? How long will we expect it to last? What will be the ultimate cost in men, material and money? To these questions you may find a wide variety of answers. The war is believed to be bigger in its potential than in its actuality. A United States failure in Viet Nam or a U. S. withdrawal would amount to a world-communist victory of stupendous proportions. All of southeast Asia would then be open to communist conquest by easy step after easy step. So eventually a vast area of the Pacific, including the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand, and in all probability, the long-run beneficiary would be Red China.

Few people believe that the war's duration will end in the foreseeable future but others who have observed the war from hand anticipate that it will be a long, drawn-out, and costly. The communist forces are prepared for prolonged guerrilla warfare, they have modern weapons they are receiving from communist power, and an asset is the unstable political situation in South Viet Nam, and in the apparent indifference of numbers of the South Vietnamese people as to who wins or loses in their internal use of terror and torture to control the villages and to strangle dissent and rebellion.

There can only be guesses as to the costs in men and money to the United States the Viet Nam war is amounting to. Those who have followed the course of the war have noticed a vastly important change in direction. In the beginning, the South Vietnamese forces were aided only by a comparatively small number of American advisors. Now more and more fighting is being conducted by American units. A late report is that we had some 160,000 troops in Viet Nam, and the figure in-

creases. The American casualties grow, though, according to the official reports from Saigon and the Pentagon, but even so they are far less than those suffered by the enemy. No one can now foretell the economic costs, nor the duration of the war.

There seems to be little agreement as to what course will now be taken, James Reston writes. "The day-to-day communitaries give the impression that we win almost every encounter, but we somehow merely advance deeper into the bog. The result is that no body is satisfied with the way things are going. The people who want a negotiated settlement are not satisfied. Those who want air attacks on the industrial sectors around Hanoi and Haiphong are not satisfied. And those who follow the present compromise policy have to concede at the end of the monsoon season that 'winning' the Viet Cong offensive has not achieved the stated objective of bringing to the North Vietnamese soldiers have told of widespread discontent, hunger and hopelessness among their people which has reached us and is an encouraging sign. But the powers in Hanoi have apparently decided that they are involved in a now or never situation and mean to press on to the end. That end could be very far away, and many of us believe that this war will be bigger and bigger tax burden until it reaches service age. It looks as if this is a war that will cost for generations.

THE PEOPLE are reading news items about that state and federal governments are providing billions of dollars for a variety of welfare and spending projects that break all records for government outlay. There may be excuses for much of the spending, but one fact should be made clear in every newspaper report of social government largesse - neither the state nor the federal government have a thin dime to give away that is bigger will it become? How long will we expect it to last? What will be the ultimate cost in men, material and money? To these questions you may find a wide variety of answers.

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The statement pointed out that the move was mutually agreed upon by the two organizations as being in the best interest of both, and is solely designed "to promote greater efficiency of operations of the two cooperatives, and to enable each to render the maximum service possible to its consumers and areas served in the future."

Alabama Electric has operated the facilities of Covington Electric since late 1964 under an operating contract, with the two cooperatives occupying joint headquarters in Andalusia. Basil Thompson, General Manager of Alabama Electric, has also served in the same executive capacity for Covington Electric during this interval.

In conjunction with the planned separation of operations, Covington Electric Electric has announced that it plans to erect modern new headquarters facilities near the community of Sanford, on U. S. Highway 84 between Andalusia and Opp.

An 8.5-acre site has been acquired for this purpose, and an architectural firm employed to design and supervise erection

herewith extend, on behalf of the respective organizations we represent, our warm and sincere appreciation for the cooperation and assistance extended

to and received from each cooperative in the past. We further pledge a continuation of this fine relationship in the future, as we work toward attainment of mutual goals of rendering the best possible service to our members, and to the areas served or to be served by each Cooperative.

Operation of the two cooperatives will continue from the present office facilities on U. S. Highway 29 North in Andalusia for the next several months, until Covington Electric has completed erection of its new quarters.

After Covington Electric moves into its new offices, Alabama Electric will utilize the offices now shared by the two cooperatives.

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The more government mortgages the taxpayers' future through extravagance and deficits, the more does it feed the fires of inflation, higher prices and depreciated money.

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Christmas Can Be Reminder Of Accidents

"A Merry Christmas!" Yes, for most of us Christmas will be the happiest time of the year - gifts, decorations, the family with us, the spirit of Christmas and of love.

But for a number of people each year Christmas is a grim reminder of accidents which have taken the lives of or caused injury to loved ones. Some of these accidents have been caused by preparations for Christmas itself.

Doctor C. D. McLeod of the Coffee County health department provides safety tips to incorporate into your holiday planning.

Christmas trees have been in use for over 4,000 years. Each year they are responsible for fires which kill or injure thousands. Safeguard against this problem in your home.

Remember that the sparkling glitter of a tree and other Christmas decorations is attractive to children. Berries on holly and mistletoe contain an unknown poison that produces a severe vomiting. Glass decorations may cut if tampered with by tiny hands. Many other materials used in adorning your home can be toxic - irritations and upset stomachs may occur from eating, inhaling or handling them.

Toys for children at Christmas can bring great happiness. Provided these are wisely selected and used with proper supervision. Toys for the very young child should be washable, soundly constructed, large enough to prevent swallowing, and light enough to avoid injury if dropped. They should be of non-brittle material with smooth rounded edges.

There are many safety tips which should be observed in buying for the older child. Avoid shooting or target toys unless they are to be properly supervised. Check all items to see that they are unable to cause fire, explosion or electrical shock.

Now that the gifts are unwrapped, the attendant over for another year, care should be taken to dispose of all wrappings properly. Place them in a metal covered trash container or burn in an incinerator as soon as possible.

Let's all practice safety in our holiday celebrations this year.

New Brockton To Get New School Gym

Governor George C. Wallace today announced the allocation of \$74,793 to Coffee County for the construction of a gymnasium at the New Brockton High School.

"This is certainly a good project, and we are happy to announce this allocation of funds. Our administration is going to continue to do everything possible for education. The progress we are making now will have an immediate effect and will continue to produce fine results over the years to come," Governor Wallace said.

Governor Wallace also announced the allocation of \$350,000 in additional funds to George Washington State Junior College at Enterprise.

The money, appropriated under the \$10 million bond issue passed during the special legislative session for education and from an additional appropriation of \$4,450,000 made during the last special session, was allocated by the Alabama Public School and College Authority consisting of Governor Wallace, Finance Director Seymour Trammell and State Superintendent of Education Austin R. Meadows.



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Christmas Cheer! May the season bring great joy to you.

Charles Cox Pure Oil Service Station



Merry Christmas to You

It is a real pleasure to say "Thank you" and wish you the happiest of holidays.

Coffee Insurance Agency Robert Hamm

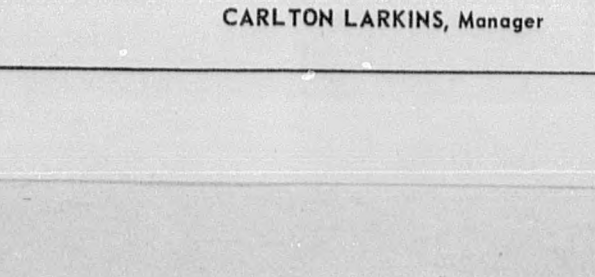


With all Good Wishes for Christmas

The scene is set for gladness and cheer... so we send our brightest wishes with a happy "Thank you" for allowing us to serve you.

Frosty Morn Buying Station

CARLTON LARKINS, Manager



Holly Is Symbol Of Goodwill

Love, the poets say, is like the wild rose briar and friendship like the holly tree.

The similarity of love and wild rose briar may need proving but history records the use of holly as a symbol of goodwill and friendship even before the Christian era.

Holly wreaths, sprays and twigs were used, too, in various rites throughout much of Europe in those early days. And large quantities of the shiny green foliage and red berries brighten the scene during drab winter days. But even before the Romans set foot on English shores, the druids were using holly in their own pagan rites.

Early pagan association, early Christian leaders opposed use of holly during the Christmas season. In fact, Christians were forbidden to decorate their homes with Christmas decorations until the mid-December Saturnalian revelries of the Roman Empire. Slowly, however, holly decorations became so well established and so popular they were given Christmas acceptance.

Of all the traditional, always-the-same symbols of Christmas, you might think that holly is most unchangeable.

But a plant breeder at Rutgers University's College of Agriculture says, "no," there's room for improvement in holly. He's not alone in changing the symbolism of holly, whatever that may be, but only the plant itself.

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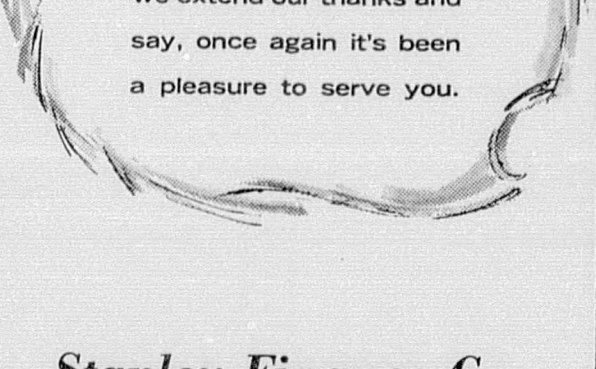
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A jolly salute to all and a hatful of cheery greetings for Christmas! May we extend our thanks and say, once again it's been a pleasure to serve you.

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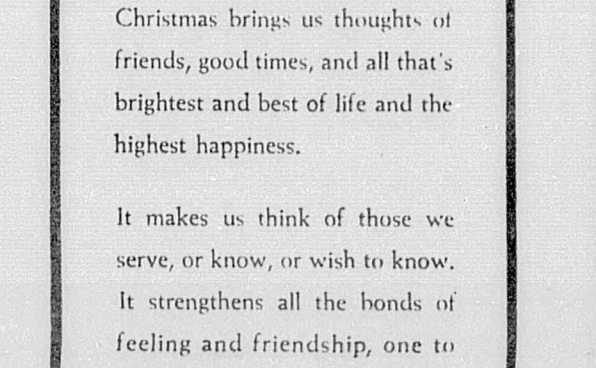


Greetings

Christmas brings us thoughts of friends, good times, and all that's brightest and best of life and the highest happiness.

It makes us think of those we serve, or know, or wish to know. It strengthens all the bonds of feeling and friendship, one to another.

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Merry Christmas

"O Christmas Tree" Means Fir to Most

Traditional for trimming, the fir is the tree most people think of when they sing "O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree, how lovely are thy branches."

Although there are close to 40 species of firs found in Central and Southern Europe, Asia north of the Himalayas, and North America, the holiday favorite is the Douglas fir — is not even a true fir.

Originally named false hemlock with yew-like needles the Douglas fir is neither a yew, hemlock, spruce nor fir. But it does have some of the characteristics of all four evergreens, and its identity confused botanists for years.

The Douglas fir's graceful, upturned growth and ability to hold its needles when cut, have put it in the top spot for Christmas use. It also produces top-quality lumber. The state of Montana is an important source of Douglas fir.

Next popular Christmas tree is the balsam fir. Also called Canada balsam or Balm of Gilead, according to The Encyclopedia Americana, balsam grows from Newfoundland to Virginia, west to Iowa and north, and west deep into Canada.

Balsam retains needles well and give off a pleasing fragrance. It is especially well-

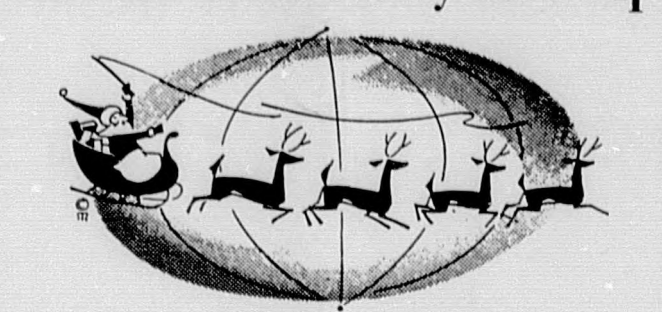
Santa's Busy, But He Has Plenty of Help

Even though Santa is sometimes pictured as traveling by rocket or by jet plane, his favorite mode of transportation still seems to be the famous reindeer-drawn sleigh. The only wonder is that he can re-

main as jolly as he traditionally is, when he has to cover the world in one night, delivering gifts by the billions.

Perhaps the explanation of the fact that Christmas Eve is not his only day for delivering gifts is that he has, and also in the fact that Christmas Eve is not his only day for delivering gifts. Still others are shipped abroad, from gifts.

St. Nicholas, a real bishop,



was the first "Santa." Many legends grew up around his name, and many centuries after his death on December 6, the Kings ride.

Whatever the gift-giving date, Santa has a host of helpers to lighten his load, in addition to St. Lucy, Scandinavian countries have the Tomtar, little gray-bearded men who are said to hide gifts for boys and girls on Christmas Eve. The Christ Child or Kristkind brings the gifts in many countries.

In Italy the traditional gift-giver is Befana, sometimes described as a benevolent fairy and sometimes as a witch. Legend says that she misdirected the Magi or that she refused shelter to the holy family. Now she goes around the world, in repentance, seeking the Christ Child and doing good to children on Christmas Eve.

Lithographer "Fathered" American Greetings, Encouraged Artists

To Louis Prang, a native of Breslau, Germany, goes the credit for being "father of the American Christmas card."

Prang, a lithographer who began a greeting card business in Roxbury, Mass., exhibited his own cards at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876. He then had the idea of holding an annual competition to obtain the best of American art for cards.

Hundreds of paintings were entered in Prang's contest, for prizes from two hundred to one thousand dollars. Winners, with two exceptions, were artists born in the United States. Women artists were well-represented among winners.

Rosina Emmet was the mother of the late author and playwright, Robert Emmet Sherwood. Others were Dora Humphrey and Florence Taber. The group of 20 Prang prize cards is owned by Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers.

Season's 'Firsts' Are Traced

Shepherds watched, angels sang and wise men traveled far to behold the miracle of the first Christmas.

Since that holy night a multitude of legends and customs, both religious and secular, have developed as part of the holiday. Each legend was once told, each custom once observed for the first time, though origins of many traditions are now lost in time, other Christmas "firsts" have been recorded for posterity.

There are historical Christmas "firsts," attested by church records and by early scientific research into the early years of Christianity, as well as "firsts" of later history and "firsts" that blend fact with myth.

Setting the Date December 25 was first assigned as the date for the celebration of the Nativity in about the year 320 A.D. Since the New Testament was written as religious instruction rather than history, the exact date of Christ's birth is not known.

The present day was selected as a means of unifying the observances of Christmas, "the mass of Christ."

Roasting Peacock Story of the first Christmas stocking is associated with the real St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop known for his many kind deeds. Wishing to present an anonymous gift to help the daughters of an impoverished merchant, he threw a bag of gold down the chimney, where it fell into a stocking hung up to dry.

The legend is reflected in today's custom of tucking "gold" — an orange or tangerine — into the toe of a Christmas stocking.

Trimming Trees Trimmed Christmas trees first appeared in the United States probably during the American Revolution. Hessian soldiers with the British forces started the practice to relieve their nostalgia for their homeland.

An early diary, written at Fort Dearborn, Ill., in 1824 relates the practice of trimming the Christmas tree with ornaments of the time.

At the White House First National Community Christmas Tree in the U.S. was placed on the White House lawn in 1923, while Calvin Coolidge was President. The tree was a spruce from Coolidge's native state, Vermont.

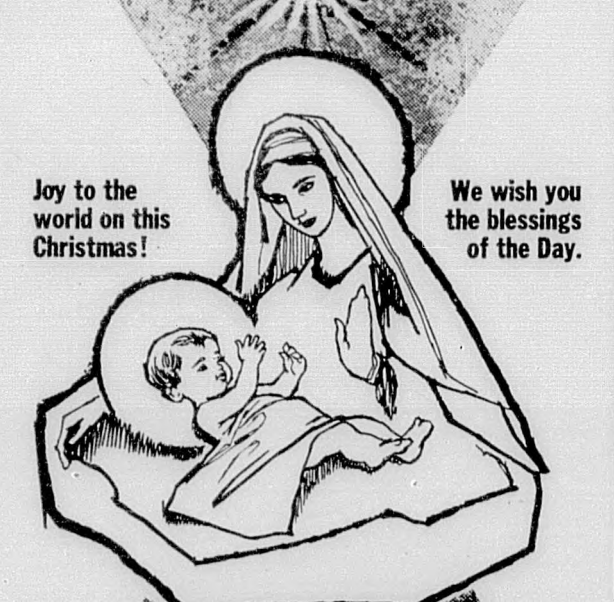
In the following year Coolidge presided at a ceremony under the sponsorship of the American Forestry association, to urge the use of living Christmas trees.

At the Round Table Traditionally, the first Christmas feast in England was held at the Round Table of King Arthur. While the specific date is undetermined, references to the famous king in medieval legends have been traced back to as early as 600 A.D.



Warm Christmas Wishes
Hope Santa fills your Christmas stocking with everything your heart desires!

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Roast peacock was a Yule delicacy in medieval England. An early recipe directs careful removal of the peacock's head and skin so that the roast bird can be served back into it before serving.

Pruning Fruit Trees Many homeowners will have fruit trees on the home grounds. Pruning these trees each winter will help keep them healthy and bearing regularly. Not only does pruning help develop strong well shaped trees when they are young, but also stimulates the growth of fruit-bearing wood. In many cases, if trees aren't pruned, they won't bear any fruit.

"PERMANENT PRESS" TALK OF TEXTILES The most talked about subject in textiles this fall is "permanent press."

This new finish produces wrinkle-free garments that maintain their shape after many washings. Creases remain sharp and seams stay flat, so the finish means less ironing for the homemaker.

With permanent press, the manufacturer treats the fabric with chemicals. Then it's cut, sewed and pressed. Lastly, curing at high temperatures gives the material the permanent press shape.

Many fabrics such as corduroy and woven stretch are being treated, and future uses of permanent press seems endless.

One of the bright spots in the new fabric finish, is that it costs the consumer very little extra—major costs are borne by manufacturers.

May the true, deep meaning of Christmas make the season bright for you and yours.

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State Forester J. M. Stauffer announced Friday that the state nurseries at Opelika and Autaugaville still have an ample supply of Lespedeza bicolor for sale to the public.

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Completed application forms should be mailed to the Division of Forestry, Department of Conservation, Montgomery. Completed forms should be accompanied by a check or money order covering at least one-half of the amount of the order. The purchaser will be billed for the unpaid balance by the Forestry Division.



With genuine appreciation for your many favors and friendly good will, we take this opportunity to extend season's greetings and sincere good wishes for your holiday pleasure. May every festive hour be bright with joys as fresh as the smiling wonder on the faces of eager, happy children.

B. T. STANFORD, MANAGER
Elba, Alabama

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Merry Christmas

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may you and your loved ones have a merry Christmas, and enjoy the traditional festivities and delights of this glad time.
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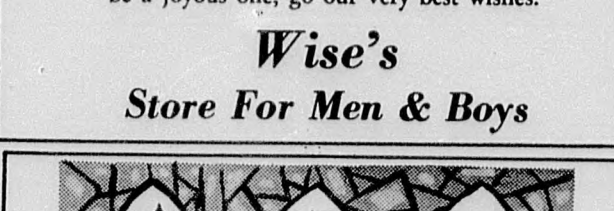


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With the hope that your Christmas will be a joyous one, go our very best wishes.

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COFFEE News & Chat

Sara E. Hutchinson

FREEZING WILD GAME I'm sure that during the hunting season you will have wild game to freeze or at least I hope you will.

Game is an excellent meat and is nutritious. Some people, however, don't care for the flavor of game but perhaps it is because the game hasn't been dressed or cared for properly.

Deer meat needs to be aged for seven to ten days at 38 degrees-40 degrees F. before cutting. This helps tenderize the meat and gives it a better flavor and texture.

When packaging your meat, be certain it is in a moisture-vapor proof freezer material. This type material will insure you of good meat later.

HATE CRACKING NUTS? Most people do not enjoy cracking nuts, but if they don't get them cracked and preserved the nuts will become rancid. There are three ways to crack pecans. Discover which method will meet your needs the best. The three methods are:

—Double a towel or clean cloth sack, spread flat, cover with three layers of pecans and spread the towel back over nuts. Dampen thoroughly, allow to remain overnight and crack the next day.

—Place enough water in a pressure canner or sauce pan to cover the rack in the bottom. Fill with pecans and steam under five pounds pressure for 10 minutes.

—Half fill a large pot with water and let boil. Dump in pecans, making sure they're all under water, boil five minutes and drain. Spread the nuts and let dry before cracking. This is the fastest and easiest method of the three.

To can the nuts, pack the nut firmly into clean, dry, standard canning jars and sealing with a two-piece metal lid. Place the jars in a hot water bath in which the water is about two inches deep. Let boil for 30 minutes. Remove jars from water and place on rack to cool. Do not tighten jar ring even if it is loose.

To freeze, place shelled nuts in moisture-vapor proof freezer containers and seal. Label and store at zero degrees or below.

Canned pecans will keep for one year, while frozen ones are good for 18 months or longer.

PRUNING FRUIT TREES Many homeowners will have fruit trees on the home grounds. Pruning these trees each winter will help keep them healthy and bearing regularly. Not only does pruning help develop strong well shaped trees when they are young, but also stimulates the growth of fruit-bearing wood. In many cases, if trees aren't pruned, they won't bear any fruit.

"PERMANENT PRESS" TALK OF TEXTILES The most talked about subject in textiles this fall is "permanent press."

This new finish produces wrinkle-free garments that maintain their shape after many washings. Creases remain sharp and seams stay flat, so the finish means less ironing for the homemaker.

With permanent press, the manufacturer treats the fabric with chemicals. Then it's cut, sewed and pressed. Lastly, curing at high temperatures gives the material the permanent press shape.

Many fabrics such as corduroy and woven stretch are being treated, and future uses of permanent press seems endless.

One of the bright spots in the new fabric finish, is that it costs the consumer very little extra—major costs are borne by manufacturers.

May the true, deep meaning of Christmas make the season bright for you and yours.

Whitman Drug Company

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JOY AND PEACE
May your Christmas be blessed with the joy and peace of that Day, when the angels sang the glory of God whose Son lay sleeping in a manger.

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State Aviation School To Offer Jet Program

The State Aviation School located at Ozark, Alabama, the Alabama Institute of Aviation Technology, has announced a new Jet Engine Training Program (Aircraft Turbine Engine Technology), to begin January 10, 1966. At that time, a new class will also begin for General Aircraft Mechanics, a Federal Aviation Agency-approved program leading to an Aircraft Mechanics License.

The beginning of the program in Turbine Engine Technology is a culmination of many months of planning and accumulation of jet engines and test equipment necessary to train these technicians.

The School Director, Troy C. Tullis, pointed out that turbine engines are being used more and more in aviation, including helicopters, and that there is an ever-increasing demand for trained jet technicians, as well as other aviation technicians.

The Turbine Engine Course is a part of the expansion program of the school. One of the more recent courses previously added is Helicopter Maintenance Technology. These courses, along with the Aviation Electronics Technology and Airframe and Power-plant Mechanics Programs, give a well-rounded program of training for personnel in aviation maintenance.

Tullis further pointed out that the \$300,000 recently allotted to the school by the State Building Commission will make it possible to expand the facilities and provide a greater variety of training in aviation. The critical shortage of licensed mechanics and technicians for aviation maintenance is borne out by the almost daily inquiries received by school officials from employing aviation companies for trained personnel.

The expanded training program at Fort Rucker will require additional personnel who will need training. Therefore, any young man with high school education, an indicated aptitude, and otherwise can qualify for admission to the school, can receive training that will lead to immediate employment under excellent conditions.

It should be pointed out that any local State Employment Office is equipped to administer aptitude tests and advise students relative to training and prospective employment in this field. If additional information is desired, write or contact Troy C. Tullis, Director, Alabama Institute of Aviation Technology, P.O. Box 747, Ozark, Alabama.

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SOCIETY

MRS. WILL KENDRICK, SOCIETY EDITOR

Elba Study Club Enjoys Christmas Party

Mrs. J. M. Kimmy and Mrs. F. H. Murphree entertained the Elba Study Club with a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Kimmy.

Mrs. T. D. Kendrick was made chairman of a committee to provide a Christmas box for the school child who is sponsored by this club.

Mrs. Murphree read a story and prayer in keeping with the Holy Season. The members present sang a number of Christmas Car-

Elba Music Lovers Meet

The Music Lovers' Club met Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. C. Braswell. Mrs. Edwin Cooper was co-hostess.

During a brief business period, presided over by Mrs. W. C. Braswell, Mrs. Annelia Sasser's piano recital.

The program consisted of a group of Christmas melodies sung by Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Braswell, Mrs. Kasper Anderson, and Mrs. Charles Graham.

Brotherhood Has Guest

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church held its annual Christmas banquet in the church social hall Monday night. Guests of the Brotherhood were wives of its members and members of the WMU.

Guest speaker was Reverend Gordon Rutton, pastor of East Brewton Baptist Church.

Mr. George Hocutt, president, presided. Doctor E. M. Warr gave the invocation and Doctor Charles Graham led the dismissal prayer.

Mr. Hocutt introduced Reverend Rutton who spoke on pioneer mission fields in America.

Special music was by Mr. James Martin and Mr. Joe Summers with Mrs. Charles Graham as accompanist.

The banquet tables were decorated with pink poinsettias, delicate greenery, and silver balloons.

sixty men and women attended.

Mrs. Clark Hostess To SS Class

Mrs. Fred Clark was hostess to her Sunday School Class Tuesday night for a Christmas party.

Decorations in the Christmas theme, complete with a lighted tree, created a holiday atmosphere.

A delicious supper was served buffet style.

The members exchanged gifts, and Mrs. Clark presented a gift from the class to the teacher, Mrs. J. W. Kendrick.

Members present were: Mrs. Ann Miles, Mrs. Jane Hudson, Mrs. Wayne Boswell, the hostess, and teacher.

WMU Holds Meeting Monday

Mrs. E. C. Bragg was hostess to Circle 3 of the First Baptist WMU Monday afternoon.

Mrs. L. C. McCollough, chairman, presided and gave the devotional. An offering was given to provide a Christmas dinner for a family.

Mrs. Bragg, Mrs. J. R. Clark, Mrs. Guy Folsom, and Mrs. George Collier, Sr. gave the December Royal Service program.

During the social period the hostesses served refreshments, and the members exchanged gifts.

Members present, not already named were: Mrs. W. C. Braswell, Mrs. L. J. Dismukes, Mrs. R. R. Borders, Mrs. Kathleen Wallace, and Mrs. J. W. Kendrick.

Persons

Mrs. Bobby Bullard and children, of Aberdeen, Mississippi, are visiting Mrs. Bullard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Crook.

Mrs. Bessie Bullard is spending the holidays with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Bullard, in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kendrick and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Martin, of Selma, visited Mrs. J. W. Kendrick Sunday.

Christmas Rose Famed in Legend

Blooming in the heart of winter and sometimes even in the snow, the Christmas rose is a plant famed in legend.

According to an old story, a poor little shepherdess had no gift to offer the Christ Child, and so she wept. When her tears touched the ground, flowers sprouted.

Delighted, she plucked an armful and hastened to the infant. The caress of his fingers turned the petals pink.

Botanists class the Christmas rose as a member of the buttercup family. Native to Southern Europe and western Asia, it has feathery, dark green leaves and large, saucer-shaped flowers with white or rose-tinged sepals, according to The Encyclopedia Americana.

Glenda Williams Honored With Shower

Miss Glenda Williams was honored with a bridal shower Friday afternoon, given at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Davis. Entertaining with Mrs. Davis were: Mrs. Mamie Jackson, Mrs. Harvel Fuller, Mrs. J. C. Donaldson, Mrs. Dot Daniels, Mrs. Jimmy Smith, and Mrs. Hershel Williams.

The reception rooms held lovely arrangements of flowers in the honoree's wedding colors, lavender and white. The party table was covered with a lace cloth, imported from England, over lavender satin. The crystal punch bowl, placed in the center of the table was encircled with lavender net and orchids.

Candle holders of the same color holding white tapers were at either end of the table. Trays of party refreshments completed the table appointments.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. J. C. Cruise, of Aniston, aunt of the honoree. In the receiving line were: Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Grady Williams, mother of the bride-to-be; Miss Glenda Williams, and Miss Linda Bryant, of Opp, a future bride.

Mrs. Hershel Williams registered the guests and Mrs. Harvel Fuller presided.

ed in the gift room. Serving in the dining room were Mrs. Mamie Jackson and Mrs. J. C. Donaldson.

For her shower, Miss Williams wore a gold brocade satin dress with matching shoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Summers and daughter left Monday for Baton Rouge, La., where they will visit Mr. Summers' brother. From there, they will go to Birmingham to spend Christmas with their parents.

Holiday Greetings from

English Home & Auto Supply & Employees

Miracle in a Manger



On the holy night, the Christ child was born to an unknown carpenter and his wife in Bethlehem.

No palace physician attended the Prince of Peace — perhaps a midwife or a serving maid.

No fine linens were prepared for the mother; no crib for the Babe — just the straw and the manger were theirs.

No royal salute was fired to announce His arrival — only the braying of the animals in their stalls was heard.

News was royally greeted with less pomp and circumstance.

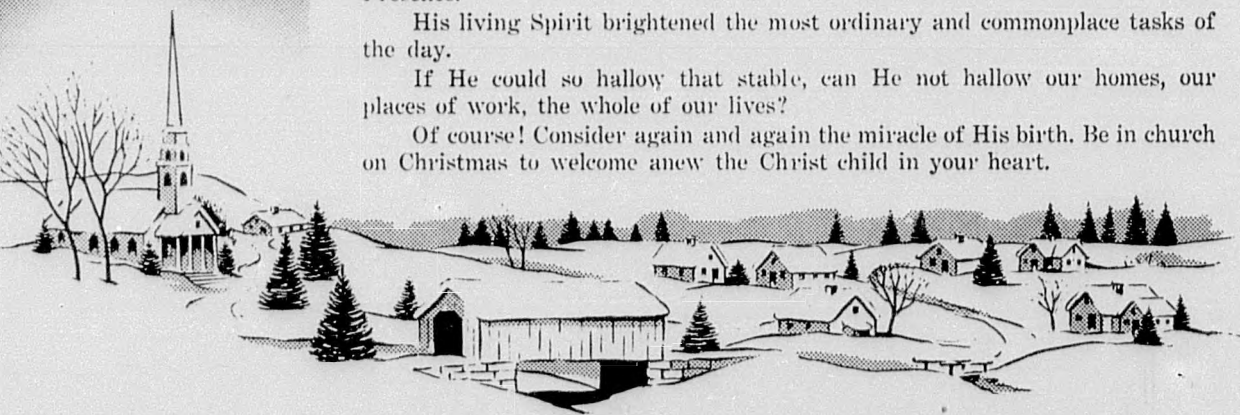
Why? Because man could not raise himself to God!

So God sent His Son to light up our hearts and minds with His Divine Presence.

His living Spirit brightened the most ordinary and commonplace tasks of the day.

If He could so hallow that stable, can He not hallow our homes, our places of work, the whole of our lives?

Of course! Consider again and again the miracle of His birth. Be in church on Christmas to welcome anew the Christ child in your heart.



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ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE SUNDAY



Christmastime, and once again we pause to wish good friends all the special joys and blessings of the season. May your Day bring an abundance of happiness and peace.

Elba Baking Company



Old-Fashioned Wishes

We take this opportunity to wish all our friends a wonderful Christmas holiday!

Dismukes Ford
Enterprise, Alabama

TO WISH YOU Christmas Blessings

May your family be blessed with a truly joyous holiday, filled with all the peace and happiness of that first Christmas Day.

Standard Oil Co.
M. J. LEE, AGENTLee Tire Co.
M. J. LEE, OWNER

Greetings As the sacred story of the manger unfolds anew, we wish you a Christmas full of good cheer and spiritual contentment.

Paul's Cafe
MR. & MRS. CHARLIE PARRISH

Holy Meaning of Christmas Expressed in Church Services

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, 'Missa do Galo' — in both I bring you good tidings of peace, 'mass of the cock.'"

Exemplifying the spiritual side of Christmas are programs which include special sermons, prayers, carols and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Like the shepherds who left their flocks to seek the Babe of Bethlehem, men, women and children of this community will pause not only their everyday concerns but the more immediate interest in tree-trimming and package-wrapping and go to find once again the holy meaning of Christmas, in special services held by local churches.

Catholic churches will proclaim the birth of the King of Christendom by solemn midnight masses. To commemorate the Nativity, Protestant churches will hold candlelight and communion services and children's programs.

The custom of saying mass at midnight derives from an old belief that Christ was born at that hour. Actually, mass may be said at any hour during the night before Christmas, and in some countries the first Christmas mass is said at four or five in the morning.

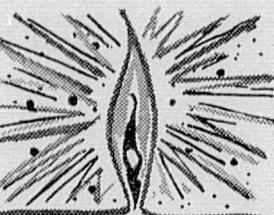
According to early Roman regulations, Christmas mass was celebrated "when the cock crows" — about three o'clock in the morning. Spanish-speaking people still call midnight mass "Misa de Gallo."

CHRISTMAS TREES

In New England and the Northeast, balsam fir and white spruce are the most popular Christmas trees, while Pennsylvanians often prefer Scotch pine, spruce and red pine.

In the South, red cedar and the scarce but beautiful holly tree are often used, as well as pine.

In the West, cedars and Arizona Cypress are favorites, and on the West Coast a wide variety of trees, Douglas fir, blue spruce, Englemann spruce and other locally grown trees are all popular.



Candles Glow At Christmas

Many traditional candle customs brighten today's Christmas celebrations.

From Ireland comes the custom of putting a lighted candle in the window on Christmas Eve to light the Holy Family's way. The candles denote a house where the Holy Family would have been welcomed, not turned away as they were at the inns in Bethlehem.

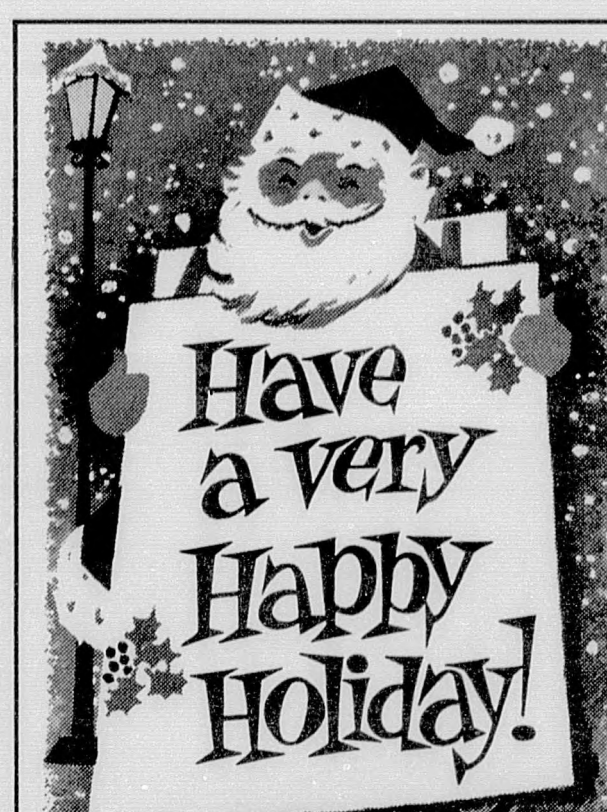
In Germany, too, candles are placed in windows to provide a glowing welcome for the Virgin Mary and a host of angels who the Germans believe pass over the countryside each Christmas.

In many countries, such as Germany, beautifully decorated candles are an important part of Christmas celebration. Enclosed with religious and other figures, they add an artistic and reverent touch to holiday festivities.

Similarly, many still celebrate the medieval custom of lighting a giant Christmas candle that burns brightly until Twelfth Night.

IN GERMANY

For German children the Christmas season begins with the hanging of a calendar showing a painted house, on December 1. Doors and windows of the house often hide pieces of candy.



Santa is here, bringing good cheer from all of us to each of you... and extending our sincere wishes that this will be the Merriest Christmas you have ever known.

American Legion CULVER POST #42
J. O. Bailey, PresidentLadies' Auxiliary
Mrs. Conway Lowery, President

MERRY Christmas

We welcome the glad Christmas season and all the heartfelt joys it brings.

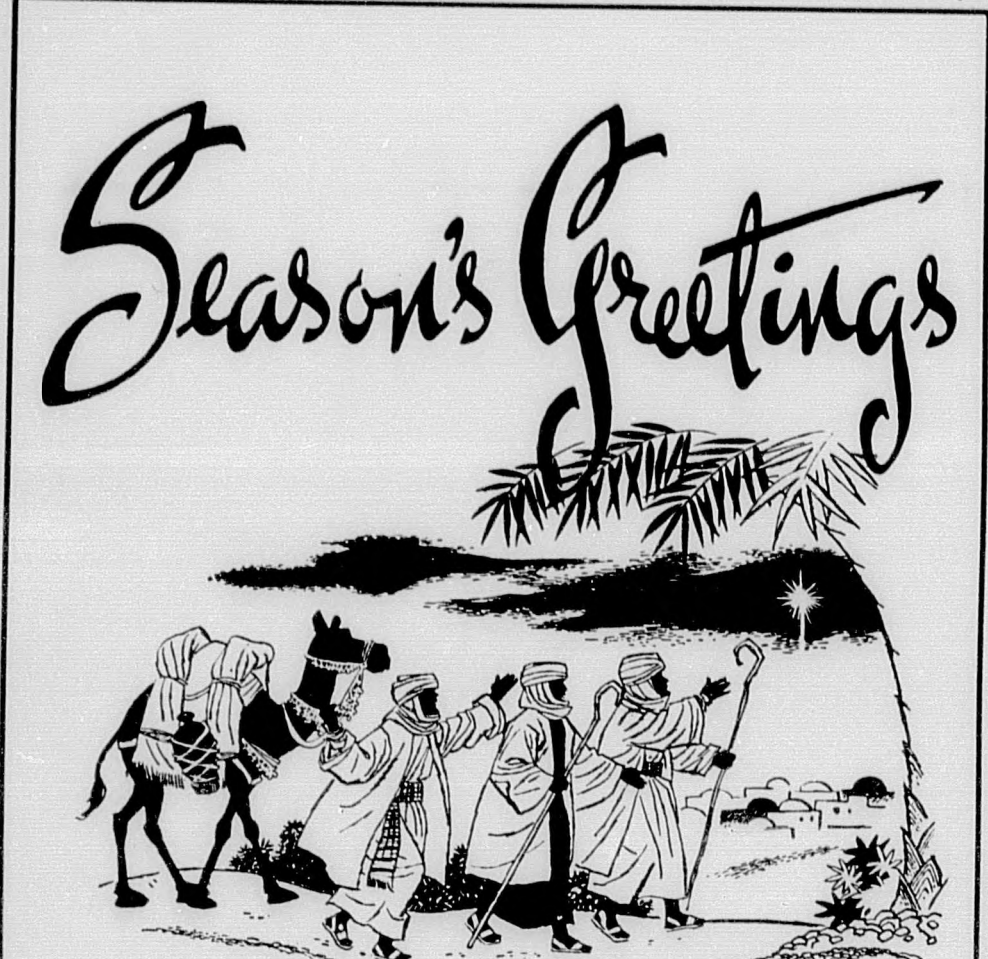
We welcome, too, the opportunity to pause in the midst of our daily occupations to recall anew how fortunate we are to have the favors and friendship of our valued customers. To all of you, we offer our real appreciation and our best wishes for your holiday enjoyment.

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ELBA, ALABAMA

USDA Announces Skip-Row Planting Rules For 1966 Crop Cotton

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced revised rules for measuring cotton in skip-row patterns for 1966. The new rules announced on April 23, 1965, are less restrictive than those included in the April 23 proposal, but somewhat more restrictive than current rules.



Season's Greetings

May all the joy and beauty
of that still, Holy night
Be with you and yours
Today, tomorrow and forever

City of Elba

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Robert Folsom, Ray Trammell, Cleo Hawkins, Owen Zigler, Jordan J. Lindsey
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bigger, better
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for everybody!"

Covington Electric Cooperative
Wiregrass Electric Cooperative

ation of skip-row planting under the revised rules, the Department has accommodated the interests of both cotton producers and the Government. Planting on this basis is a desirable practice on many farms. However, widespread use of skip-row planting has contributed materially to the substantial cotton surplus build-up in recent years.

Many farmers will continue to plant cotton in skip-row patterns under the revised rules. Other farmers will return to the practice of planting fields on a solid basis. These changes which affect yields per acre and the adjustments in planted acreages expected in 1966 under the new legislation should result in reducing carryover stocks, which will reach a record-high level of 15.7 million bales on August 1, 1966, by about 1.3 million bales.

In Russia Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's visit. Though Communists eliminated the religious celebration of Christmas, they allowed the children's festivities of the season to remain.

The following examples illustrate various skip-row patterns, the amount of the planted area counted as cotton under present rules and the amount which would be counted as cotton under the revised rules. For example purposes, it is assumed that the cotton row width is 40 inches. Different row widths would mean additional adjustments in acreage. Here is how skip-row planting works: a farmer with a 50 acre cotton allotment uses the skip-row pattern of two rows of cotton and two rows skipped. Under the present system the farmer would be considered to have half (50%) of the total area planted to cotton. This would permit him to utilize 100 acres of allotment. Under the new rules, 65 percent of the land would be considered as planted to cotton. Therefore, he would be able to plant no more than 77 acres under the 2 and 2 pattern and still be considered as in compliance with his cotton acreage allotment. In authorizing continu-

In Holland

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh. The great horse is named every house.



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Across the years
the Christmas story
lives anew in all
its glorious promise.
And may the
message
from
the sacred
manger
ever bring
hope and joy to you.



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PEACE ON EARTH

God's blessing rest upon you
This happy Christmastide...
And in your heart
His love and peace
Forever abide.

JOHN ELDER
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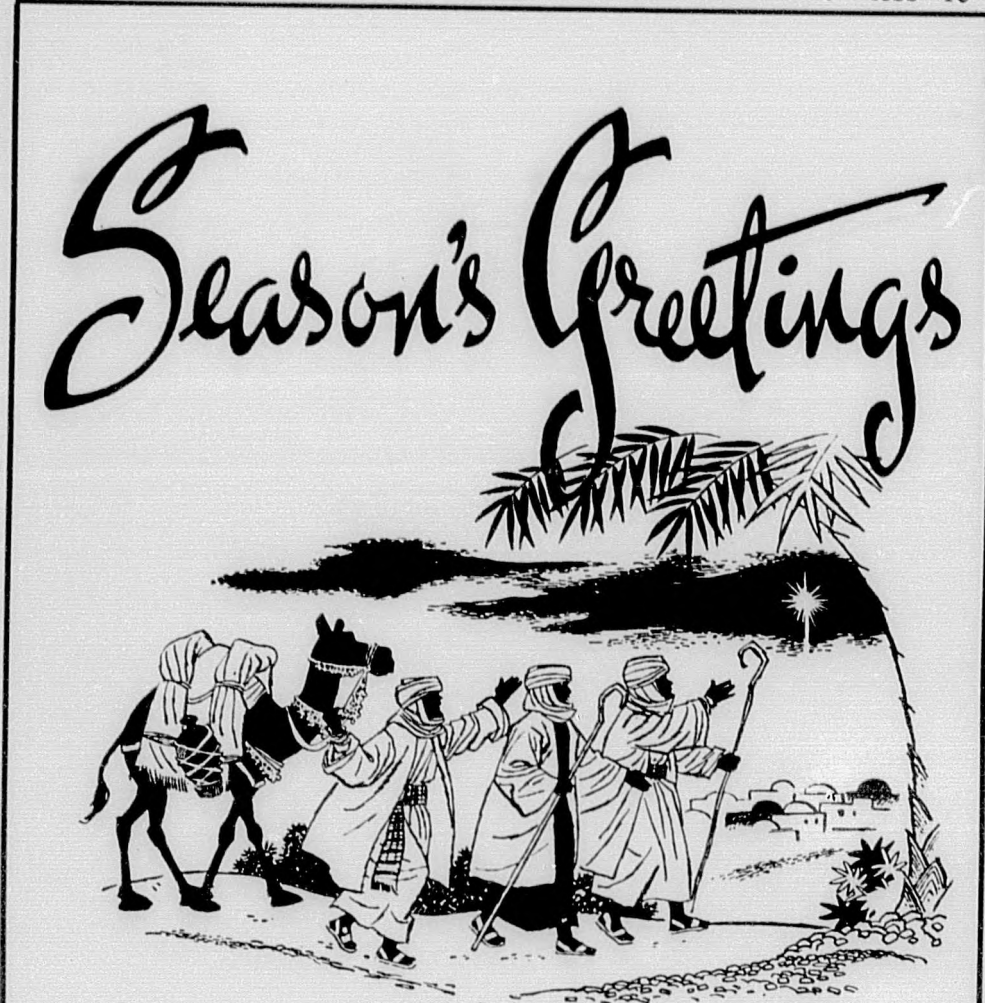
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USDA Announces Skip-Row Planting Rules For 1966 Crop Cotton

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced revised rules for measuring cotton when planted in skip-row patterns for 1966. The new rules announced are less restrictive than those included in the April 23 proposal, but somewhat more restrictive than current rules.



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Be with you and yours
Today, tomorrow and forever

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In skip-row plantings, strips of cotton rows are generally alternated with strips of idle land. Under present rules, the idle land beyond one-half of the normal width of a row is not counted as cotton when computing the acreage of cotton in a field. This, in effect, spreads the allotment over more acreage. Under the new rules, a part of the idle land will be considered cotton acreage for allotment purposes, except where cotton is planted in a pattern with 4 or more rows skipped. In a change from last spring's proposal the rule for plantings with 4 or more rows skipped will remain the same as it has been for many years. For other skip-row plantings where the row width is 40 inches, not only the land planted to cotton but also the 32 inches (an additional 12 inches over the 20 inches now counted) beyond the outside rows next to the idle land will be charged as cotton acreage under the allotment program.

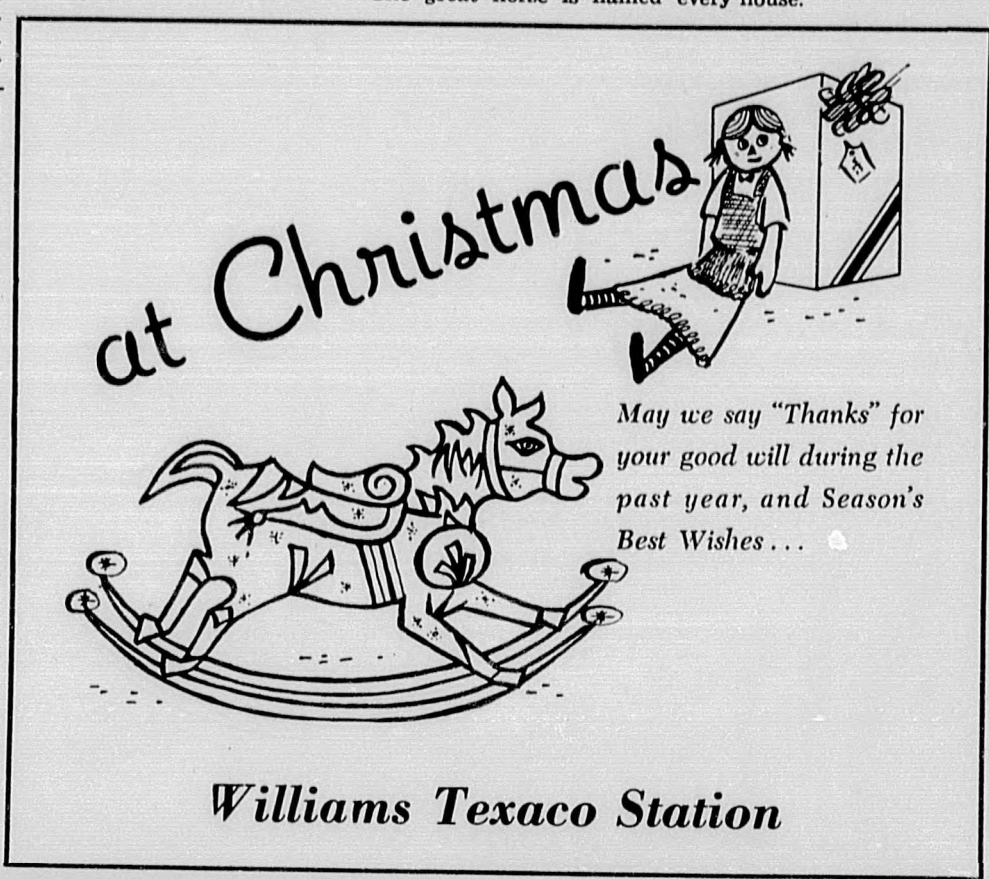
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Here is how skip-row planting works: a farmer with a 50 acre cotton allotment uses the skip-row pattern of two rows of cotton and two rows skipped. Under the present system the farmer would be considered to have half (50%) of the total area planted to cotton. This would permit him to utilize 100 acres of allotment. Under the new rules, 65 percent of the land would be considered as planted to cotton. Therefore, he would be able to plant no more than 77 acres under the 2 and 2 pattern and still be considered in compliance with his cotton acreage allotment. In authorizing continu-

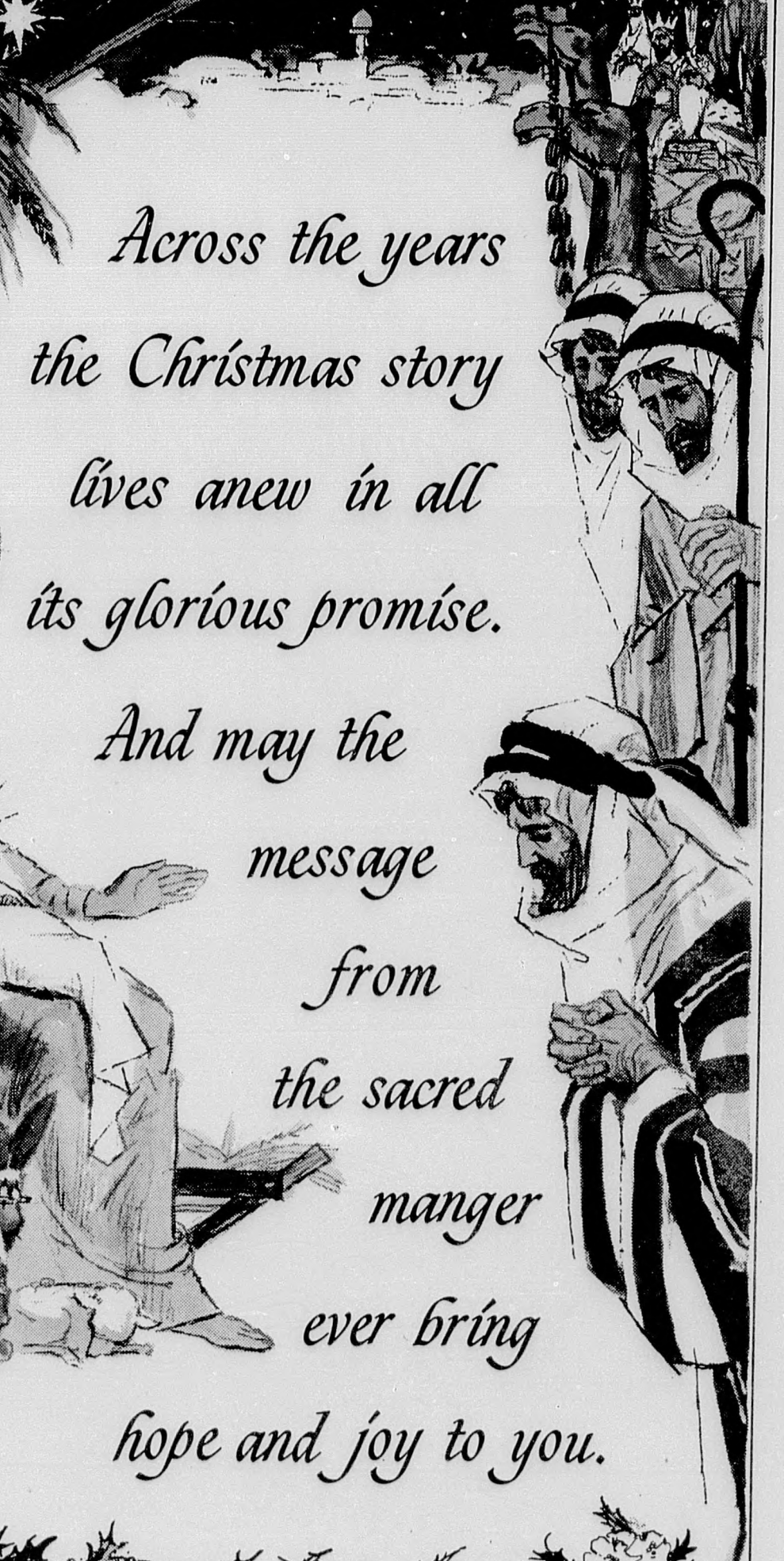
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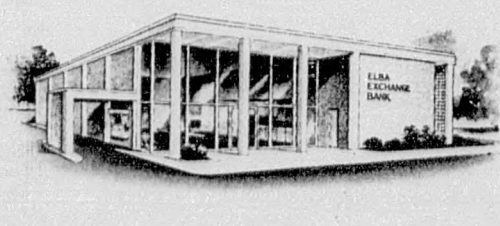
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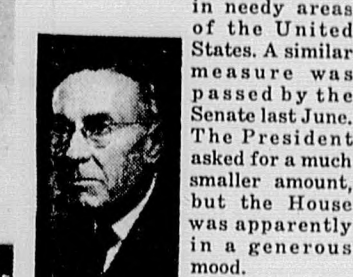
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ZION CHAPEL 4-H CLUB members learned how to plant pecan, peach and pear trees in their December 4-H club meetings. Shown left to right are Mr. Jerry Hudson, local 4-H club leader; Tim Brown, secretary; Billy Blimbo, vice president; Mr. J. R. Speed, Extension Farm Agent and Ray Wilson, president of the club.



MEMBERS of the Coffee County Extension Cotton Committee made plans for 1966 in a recent meeting in Elba. Pictured left to right are Howard Smith Jr., Kinston; Ray Sanders, Repton; Heber Clark, Damascus; J. R. Speed, Extension Farm Agent; and Hardie Kelley, Fairview.



By Tom Casaday, County Extension Chairman

FARM NEWS

GARDENING
Want to lower your grocery bill by \$100 to \$300 next year? This can be done by hundreds of Coffee County farmers and those living in town also. Back when fruits and vegetables were cheaper than they are now, our home garden specialist at Auburn pointed out that a garden was worth about \$400 to the average farm family. Of course, everyone can't have a big adequate garden but a lot of Coffee County people could make plans to increase their gardening in 1966. We have an excellent new bulletin entitled "Good Gardening" and we will be glad to send it to any one requesting a copy.

BULLS
A few days ago we were in a planning meeting with some of our beef cattle leaders and W. H. Taylor of Elba mentioned that perhaps we were stressing the use of good bulls on beef herds so much that a lot of Coffee County farmers with small herds were not able to get even a moderate priced bull. Taylor said that many growers in the County could buy an inexpensive bull which would be more profitable to them than the one they are using now.

I agree with Mr. Taylor in that people in the farm and beef cattle business can't always start with the very finest animals and must continuously select and improve their herds.

FROZEN PIPES
Protection in time can save you from having frozen pipe lines. Bill Cox, Extension engineer, says, "It's a good idea to cover any pipe lying on the surface of the ground with about four inches of soil. A new line should be placed in a trench 18 inches to two feet deep."

The Auburn University specialist recommends using an electric heating cable on exposed pipes that can't be covered. The cables range in price from six to 20 cents per foot and will protect pipes in the coldest weather.

"Never lengthen or

it will affect the heat output and may cause a hazard."

HOG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION
Coffee County Hog Producers Association under the direction of President Ira Allen, met a few nights ago to make plans for their annual meeting and for enrolling new members. The officers and directors of the Association have made plans to contact hog producers through out the County.

Ira Allen is President; Robert English of Damascus is Vice-President; and Rufus R. Wilson of Zion Chapel is the Treasurer. Directors are: Ray Sanders, A. W. Wilson, S. O. Parker, Eugene Farris, G. W. Bradley, L. B. McCall, Wilton Bryan, and M. C. Wilkes.

DEADLINE
Coffee County Cotton Producers wishing to lease or sell cotton allotments for the 1966 season must do so by December 31. I talked with County ASCS office manager E. L. Dean, about the cotton program and he pointed out that each farm varied somewhat and that those cotton producers wanting to get specific information should contact the ASCS office in New Brockton.

Coffee County Farmers voted to sell or lease allotments to other areas in the state. I certainly hope that Coffee County growers will lease or buy from those who plan to sell. We need to keep every acre of cotton that we have in Coffee County.

ZION CHAPEL CLUB
For the first time in several years we have a Zion Chapel Senior Boys 4-H Club. They met a few days ago and elected officers as follows: Dennis Brunson, Vice-President; James Earl Mills, Secretary; Roger Boothe, Song Leader; Mickey Wise, Devotional Leader; Gillis Chancellor, Game Leader; and Robert Matthews, Treasurer.

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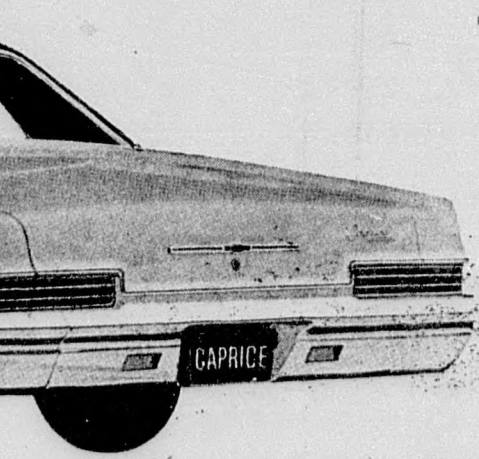
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"Unto you a Child is born." And the message of the manger is ever new, and newly present at this holy season, to lift our spirits and bring us joy.

Northey's Big "R"

Merry Christmas

Carols ring out... gladness fills every heart and the air is astir with the lively spirit of the Christmas Season. May you enjoy all of it to the utmost!

Elba Jaycees

Greetings

Warm and cheery as the fire on the hearth are our wishes for you this happy Christmas Day.

Elba Packing Company
TELEPHONE 897-2461



A.C. STUDENT MODELS—Among coeds of Alabama College's clothing and tailoring classes who will model their sewing handiwork at the Montevallo campus on January 5 are: (seated), Billie Lee, Montevallo; (standing, left to right), Betty Owens, Birmingham; Jarrett Foxworth, St. Augustine, Florida; Marie McDonald, Birmingham; and Polly Ann Clark, of Elba.

Polly Ann is the daughter of Mrs. Ruby Clark and is a 1962 graduate of Elba High School.

Frozen Turkeys Need Special Preparation

No doubt you're going to have a turkey for the holidays and chances are that it's in the freezer now or you'll buy a frozen one.

"If you commercially frozen bird is a stuffed one, don't thaw it before cooking," warns Farris Prickett, Extension foods and nutrition specialist.

"Read the label and follow instructions very carefully," adds the Auburn University specialist. "The stuffing in turkeys is a growth material, for food spoilage bacteria."

Slowly thaw unstuffed frozen birds in the refrigerator until they are pliable, stresses Miss Prickett. Slow defrosting causes less seepage of juices from the meat and refrigerator temperature is undesirable for bacteria growth.

Generally it takes three to four hours to thaw one pound of frozen meat.

Renew Coffee Making Skills For Holiday

Christmas is a season for nose twitching. Scents of newly cut evergreens, turkey and dressing and all kinds of cookies and candies fill the home.

But probably the most prevalent smell is the aroma of perking coffee. "How 'bout a cup of coffee," is the standard greeting as guests come calling.

And since this special time is near, a quick refresher course in the art of making good coffee appears worthwhile.

First lesson is to remember that coffee flavor elements are highly volatile. Once the roasted shell of the bean is broken by grinding and exposed to air, its aroma, body, flavor and strength quickly evaporate. "This," cautions Auburn University Extension specialists, "is why it's a good idea to buy only the amount you can use in a short period."

Lesson No. 2 is to have the lid off the can only as long as it takes to spoon the coffee out. And have the water boiling when you remove the coffee.

The final lesson is to be sure your coffee pot is clean. Each time a pot of coffee is brewed, a fine, invisible, almost indissoluble film of oil clings to the sides of the utensil. This film will impair the flavor of subsequent brews unless removed.

To remove it, scour the pot with dry baking soda, or run the coffee maker through its regular brewing cycle using two tablespoons of baking soda in place of coffee twice weekly. Baking soda is the only thing that will cut the film.

Since boiling soda darkens aluminum, remove aluminum trappings before you start the treatment and use the dry method on the pots.

Christmas Dinner Costs More In '65

This year's Christmas dinner may cost more than last year, but a slight rise in the price for some of the under-10-pound category, traditional turkey menu is planned.

With estimates based on ten years ago a similar cost twice as much.

We're taking a tip from Santa and extending our very warmest wishes for a merry Yuletide to our many good friends and patrons.

Merry Christmas to All!

Martin Mercantile & Employees

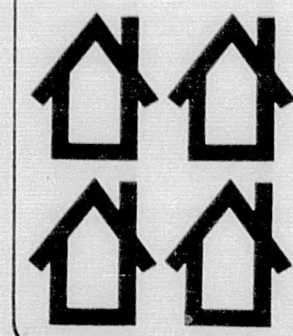
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

There's no season quite like Christmas... no custom quite so happy as the old tradition of exchanging greetings. With real appreciation for our cordial relations, we thank you and wish you a most joyful holiday.

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KINSTON NEWS

By Mrs. John Foster

Sunday School Mothers Class Enjoys Barbecue Dinner

Mrs. Joseph Saunders entertained her Sunday School Class and invited guests at her home Sunday. The living room dining area was decorated in the Christmas theme including a big Christmas tree. At noon a delicious barbecue chicken dinner was served. Following an hour of recreation, fruit punch, cookies and nuts were served to the 10 teen ages attending.

Gifts were exchanged in the afternoon.

January's flower is the carnation.

Persons

Mrs. Jessie Mathews is spending two weeks with her daughter and family, the Ralph Lindvells, in Clintonville, Wisconsin. Miss Genette Ballard is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sara Ballard, in Culman. Mrs. Melba Bush, Jeanne and Webb left by plane from Birmingham Saturday for Kansas City where they will visit relatives for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Balkum and family, of Crestview were the weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Collis Free spent the weekend in New Orleans with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Donaldson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bailey, of Bonifay, spent the weekend with Mr. and

Mrs. Hub Courson. Students home for the holidays with their parents are Misses Nancy Coon, Sonya Hanson, Angela Nobles and Andy Simblin, Gerald Martin, Rickie Wood.

G. W. Clark had surgery Friday morning in an Opp hospital.

Mrs. Y. W. Bowden, Lee Simblin and little Janelle Helms are patients in an Opp hospital.

Mrs. Bruce Killingsworth, of Troy, spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bedsole.

The employees of Kinston Manufacturing Company and invited guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner Friday at noon, held at the factory. The factory will close Wednesday afternoon, December 22, for Christmas and open on Monday, December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Bedsole and son, of Ozark, are spending a few weeks with Miss Viney Coon and Shell Coon. The Bedsoles have started a new home near Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Peacock will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peacock and family in Dover, Florida.

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Herman Smith and family, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Blackstock, of Montgomery, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Blackstock, of Dothan, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blackstock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Carey Norris attended a company dinner Thursday night in Opp.

Mrs. Tom Richardson met her daughter, Capt. Evelyn Richardson, in Birmingham Saturday and they spent the weekend with the Kenneth Nordans and returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carter and Misses Sara and Wilma Folmar, of Troy, and Miss Katherine Carter, of California, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Bowden.

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Mrs. S. S. Riddle. Their other daughter, Mrs. Sam Stinchombe (Zelda) had minor surgery Saturday morning.

Gus Parrish Dies After Short Illness

Gus David Parrish, 84, of Elba, died Saturday, December 18, in the Elba hospital after a short illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Elba Church of Christ with Ned Young officiating. Burial was in the Danley Crossroads Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lilly V. Parrish; two sons, David A. Parrish, Enterprise, and James L. Parrish, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.; and eight daughters, Mrs. Janette Ennis, Lake Wales, Florida; Mrs. Arvie Wilson, Orlando, Florida;

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Elba Electric Light & Power Company, for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of said Elba Electric Light & Power Company, at Elba, Alabama, on January 15, 1966, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Mary A. Lee, Cashier
12-16-3c

LEGAL NOTICE
W. O. Smith, Contractor, hereby gives notice that they have contracted with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. FA-5-876(9) in Coffee County and that the State has set the date for final settlement as January 7, 1966. All claims should be filed at our office in Columbus, Georgia before date set for final settlement.

W. O. Smith, Contractor
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Mrs. Clorine Wright and other daughter, Mrs. Sam Stinchombe (Zelda) had minor surgery Saturday morning.

Mrs. Gusie Leuallen, Pensacola, Florida; Mrs. Wyolane Oliver, Doxler, Mrs. Gertrude Mills, Elba; Mrs. Minnie Lee Jones, Crestview, Florida; and Mrs. Pearl B. Brownlee, Dauphin Island.

CRANBERRIES
Cranberries, a traditional part of our Christmas menus, were used in many ways by the American Indians. "Pemmican" was a paste made from cranberries. Cranberry poultices were applied to cuts and wounds, and the juice of the berry yielded a red dye.

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to all our friends...



From **THE ELBA CLIPPER**

We wish you merriment
and the many joys of giving and
receiving, at this happiest
of holiday seasons. May this truly
be a Christmas to remember!
With our best wishes we
want to express our warm
appreciation of your kind
patronage and good will.
We sincerely hope that our
cordial relations will long continue.

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Custom of making such garlands made of evergreens, usually dates back to the ancient Egyptians, a thousand years, closely linked to the celebration of Christmas. The of Christ.

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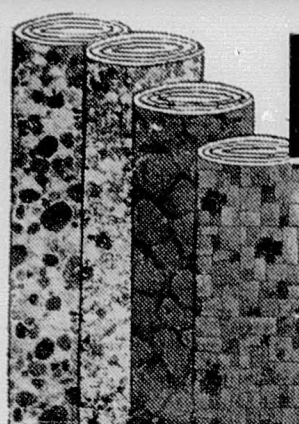
Dear Friends:

Being able to say "Thank You" to good friends and customers is one of the nicest things about being in business.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve you this past year and we are looking forward to serving you better in 1966. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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BOBBY INMAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Inman, is shown receiving an award as the outstanding trainee in his company at Ft. Jackson from Representative Cederberg. Looking on are his Platoon Sergeant, Company Commander and the Post Commander General Perez.

Inman Honored By Ft. Jackson Command

Editor's Note: The following is a letter received by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Inman along with the picture above.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Inman:
I am happy to send you

this photograph taken Wednesday, 24 November, 1965, when your son, Private E-1 Robert F. Inman, was honored as the Outstanding Trainee of his basic training company at Fort Jackson. The training cycle covered the period of 4 October to 24 November 1965.

The presentation was made by Representative Elford A. Cederberg (Republican-Michigan) during his visit here. Private Inman is a credit to his family and to the United States Army. I hope that his future service in the Army will be as rewarding and successful as was his basic training at Fort Jackson.

Sincerely yours,
Gines Perez
Major General, USA
Commanding

FINDING THE BEAN
"Twelfth Cake" was a highlight of 18th century celebrations of Epiphany. January 6. From the finding of a bean and a pea baked into the cake, a king and queen of the day were chosen.

British Leave Toys Until Afternoon

In Britain, it is the custom for children to leave their toys under the tree until the afternoon of Christmas Day. Santa Claus (Father Christmas) makes his Christmas Eve visit, however, filling the stockings left by the children at the hearth or beside their bed.

British legend says the stocking custom originated by accident. Once, St. Nicholas was making his descent down a chimney to leave some toys for a family of children and some gold coins fell from his pocket, dropping into a stocking hung by the hearth to dry. Since that time, Santa has always had something for every stocking.



A Joyous Christmas

May the Holy Family guide your path to a spiritually inspiring Christmas. And may all the days to come reflect the peace and joy of this blessed Holiday.

ECONOMY DRY GOODS

Merrie Christmas

We wish you the merriest of Christmases and a holiday season full of happiness and good cheer.

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Elba General Hospital Patients

Persons admitted to the Elba General Hospital during the period of December 14 thru December 20 were the following:
Mattie Lee Davis, G. W. Smith, Lucille Odom, Es-car Kelley, Sally Smith, James Simmons, Judy Hudson, Pastine Blackmon, Dan R. Rowland, Bobbie Sullivan, Roy Scarbrough, van, Glennie Smith, Willie

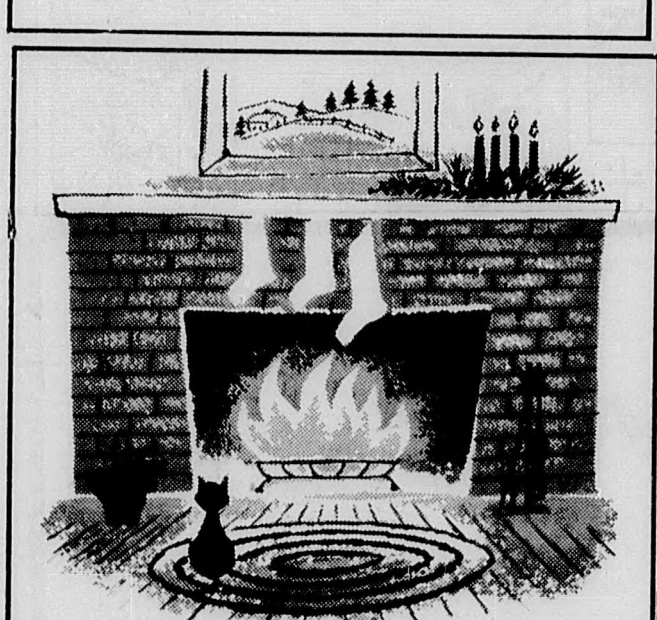
Persons discharged during the same period of time were the following:
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PEACE ON EARTH

We hope that the spirit of brotherhood and goodwill expressed so often at Christmas may endure forever.

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Voices sing out our happy wishes for a Christmas rich in spiritual joys and merriment for you.

Merry Christmas

KINSTON JUNIOR 4-H CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Kinston Junior Girls' 4-H Club met for its regular monthly meeting in the high school library. The meeting was called to order by Pat Fletcher, President. Songs were led by the song leaders.

The program was on cooking instant foods and was given by Miss Virginia Sanders.

Pearl Mincy, Charlotte Ray, A. R. Rowland, Mildred Bozeman, Bobbie Sullivan, Ida Pearce, Glennie Smith, Cressann Turman, Ethel Jacobs, Patricia Robert Ross, Essie Mae Chancellor, Willie Mae Rogers, Becky Wilson, Ethel Larkins, Lurline Moore, Marvin Harden, Lillie Moseley.

Dorsey Wives

Enjoy Annual Christmas Coffee

Mrs. R. A. Sewell was hostess to the Annual Dorsey Wives' Christmas Coffee at her home Wednesday morning.

The reception room was covered with white linen and held a flower arrangement for a central decoration. A handsome silver service and silver trays of dainties completed the table appointments.

Guests were: Mrs. Glen Williams, of Opy; Mrs. J. Doug Kendrick, Mrs. Barbara Scarbrough, Mrs. Ruth Anderson, Mrs. Marion Rowe, Mrs. Sylvia Brown, Mrs. Vesta Bailey, Mrs. Jane Cash, Mrs. Poncy Collier, Mrs. Tiz Mularz, Mrs. Mary Louise Collier, and Mrs. Mavis Hanchey.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sewell are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sellers and family in Fort Benning, Georgia.

Technical School Owns Angus Bulls

The George C. Wallace State Technical Trade School is now the owner of three purebred Aberdeen Angus bulls that have been donated through the generosity of friends of the school.

The first two were donations of Dr. Jim Hicks of Birmingham, formerly from Enterprise, Alabama, and a nephew of a member of the school staff, H. T. Norton, Ozark, Alabama, instructor in Tractor and Diesel Mechanics. Doctor Hicks is a breeder of purebred cattle at his Briar Hill Farm in Union Springs, Alabama, and has made a very vital contribution to improvement of herds in this area through donations to schools and FFA Chapters.

The most recent donation was by Mr. R. L. Smith, of Kansas City, Missouri. This addition to the herd is the purebred Aberdeen Angus RLS 43, a two year old bull sired by Imperial Jules Eric of Wych Cross out of dam Imperial Pomme of Clacmae. Mr. Smith gave the school the first pick of the animals in the herd.

In addition to the monetary value of these purebred bulls, a most significant contribution has been made to the welfare of the school as a result of the commercial aspects of the cattle program. The income from beef cattle production was a most important factor in the operation of the school at the time schools in Alabama were in pro-ration. This income supplemented the budgeted amounts allocated to the school, so that the entire training program was aided during the state-wide shortage of school funds.

At the beginning of the beef cattle program of this school, a polled Hereford Bull was given by Mr. Charles Smith, Slocumb, Alabama, which started the cattle improvement plan that has been carried on at the school since that time.

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Early Paintings Tell the Christmas Story —And the Story of Changing Times

From earliest times, artists found, in the story of the Nativity and the events surrounding it, a source of inspiration and a challenge to their talents. The Madonna and Child, the Holy Family, the Magi, the manger scene — these are the subjects that have engendered some of the world's most famous paintings.

And, as students of both art and history know, such paintings not only portray a scene, they also tell something of the times in which they were painted.

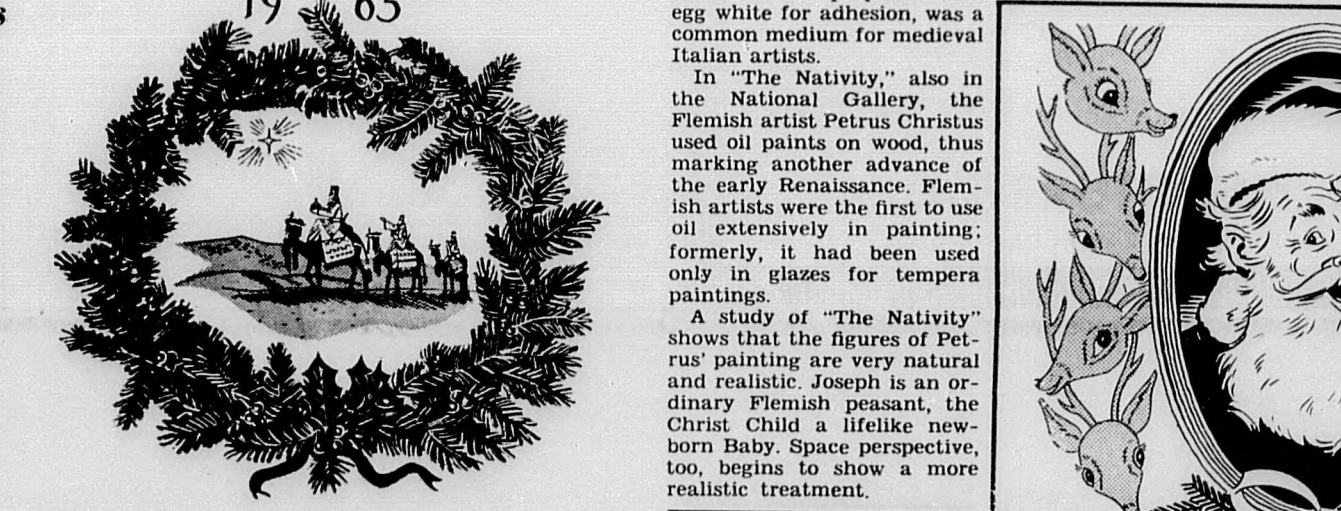
As the Middle Ages drew to a close and the Renaissance dawned, new light was spreading over the world. Mid-15th-century artists were turning from theories of painting which depicted more stylized poses and ornate detail, to a more realistic, lifelike figures and landscapes, as seen in painting.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

At the joyous Christmas season, we greet you with our hopes for your holiday happiness.

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The chief symptoms of the illness were vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and nausea, and several who were in severe shock were injected with intravenous fluids during treatment. Most of the patients were able to return to their homes within 24 hours.

An exhaustive investigation of this outbreak of food poisoning indicated that the bacteria of *syphylotocci* had caused an outbreak of acute gastroenteritis.

Inadequate food-handling was held responsible. The food had been prepared in large quantities using facilities not designed to safely accommodate large quantity preparation.

There was inadequate refrigeration for perishable foods served, inadequate storage space and apparently lack of understanding in the practice of safe food-handling procedures. Cream-filled pastries, custards, or meats subjected to improper refrigeration in warm weather are common offenders. Foods can be contaminated also by superficial infections in food handlers, and by nasal droplets containing pathogenic staphylococci.

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"Jingle Bells" Sings Of Snow and Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,
Over the field we go, laughing all the way,
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!"

"A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side,
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot,
He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got stuck!"

"Now the ground is white, no more you're young;
Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song,
Just get a bobtailed bay, two-jarvy for his speed,
Then hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the lead!"

REFRAIN:
"Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
Oh! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!"

Although it says not a word jure up visions of the old about Christmas, the song, fashioned Yuletide nearly every "Jingle, Bells," is now a family-remembered — or like a part of the holiday season, to think he remembers. The spirited description of "Usually it is thought of as 'Dashing thro' the snow, in a 'Jingle Bells,' but early copies of the song show that the title one-horse open sleigh" con-

was really meant to be "Jingle, Bells" — with a comma added to make it a command to the bells to go into action.

Both the melody and lyrics were written by James Pierpont, who was the son of a minister and who ran away to sea at the age of 14.

Pierpont wrote the song in the late 1850's. He was then living in the Boston suburb of Medford where, at

the time, the only piano in the entire village was located in the parlor of Simpson's Tavern. It was there Pierpont picked out the "Jingle Bells" melody.

A Danish Christmas custom is the "Jul-bock," a long pole with a goat's head, whose duty it is to butt in when the children misbehave.

Rudolph of the Red Nose Adds To Fame of Santa's Reindeer

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Dunder and Blitzen!" Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh," accord-

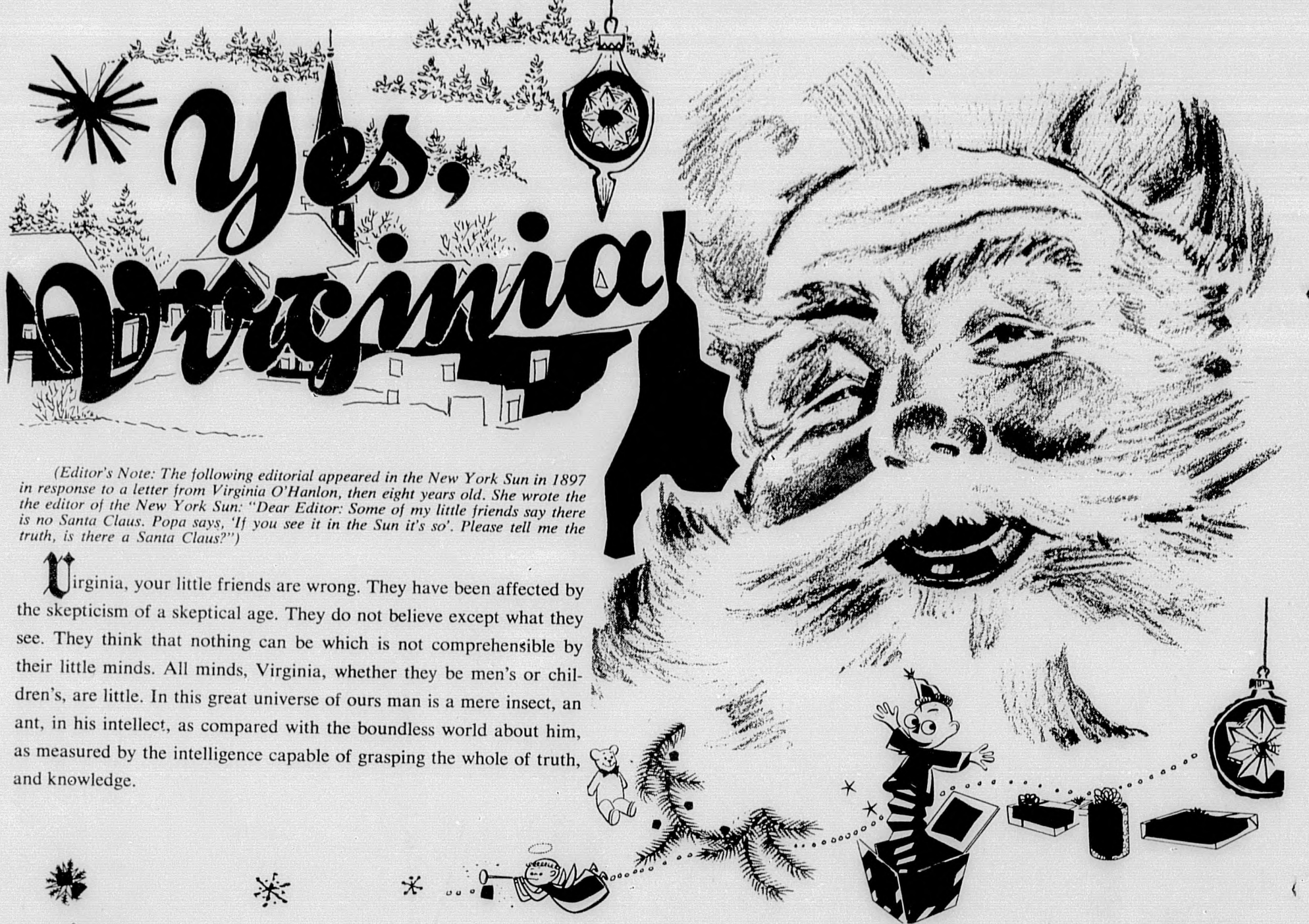
ing to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas." But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem — the red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As

the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.

Norwegians hide an almond in the Christmas pudding. Tradition says the finder will be married in the next year.



(Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 in response to a letter from Virginia O'Hanlon, then eight years old. She wrote the editor of the New York Sun: "Dear Editor: Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?")

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth, and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus but, even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

IT'S CHRISTMAS

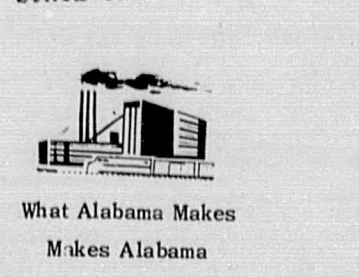


Peace be your gift this Yule, and your treasure.

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Elba Schools Receive Federal Grant

U.S. Senators Lister Hill and John Sparkman have announced the approval for immediate payment of \$11,679 to the Elba Public Schools. Announcement of the payment by the U. S. Office of Education came from the two senators' Washington offices Tuesday.

The funds are to help with financial needs of schools in federally affected areas. The \$11,679 payment in on a tentative fiscal year entitlement of \$15,573, they said.

LIVESTOCK PRICES

Livestock is big business in Coffee County according to the sales being recorded in Elba each week.

The Farmers Livestock Cooperative Market Sale held in a recent week totaled \$57,525 for the biggest sale in their history. 920 hogs and 139 cows sold in one day.

During the same week, the Elba Buying Station for Frosty Morn paid \$31.19, 35 just for #1 hogs.

American Legion To Meet

Culver Post #42 of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday night, January 5th, at 7:00 in the Elba High School.

A covered dish supper will be served.

Elba's Viet Nam Unit Says Thanks

Company A 502D Aviation Battalion APO San Francisco 96357

Mayor L. P. Mullins City of Elba, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mayor: We are honored and proud that "The City of Flowing Wells" has adopted our unit. Thank you very much.

You too may take pride in the fact that your grandson is doing an outstanding job in this unit and his country a great service.

With best wishes for you and all the wonderful citizens of Elba, I am

Respectfully yours, Samuel M. Vincent, Major, Artillery Commanding.



AWARDED 25 YEAR PINS for their service at Dorsey Trailers are from left: Jim L. Doe, Henry R. Taylor, Jim Reddock, Edgar Vaughan, and Elton Lunsford. These men count for badges 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The Elba Clipper

ELBA, ALABAMA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1965

NUMBER 25

Cattlemen's Association To Meet Next Week

Plans have been made for the Cattlemen's Association of the cattle industry South Alabama is short on and should know more about. An Earth Roast supper will be served and each member will be sent two tickets free and additional tickets are available at a nominal cost.

The principal speaker for the meeting will be Mr. Cyrus V. Anderson, President of the Enterprise Recreation Center. As usual the Coffee County CowBelles Association of Coffee County.

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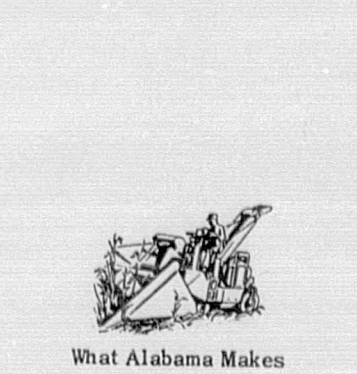
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Dead at the scene of the accident were Mrs. Travis Sheppard, age 21, of Columbus, Georgia, and her daughter, Melinda Gail, age 20 months, and Over Sawyer, Jr., age 20, of Brundage Route 2.

Dead from injuries received in the accident are two brothers, Leamon and Billy Sheppard, age 22, whose wife and child died in the collision. He is reported to be in satisfactory condition.

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